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2. Officials of Strojexport

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1. A visit was paid to the factory of TOS Hostivar National Enterprise at Cercany (N 49-51, E 14-43), where the horizontal surface grinder [] is produced. This is the only machine tool made in this factory. The rate of production is 10 per week. The method of manufacture is of a high standard and the final product first-class. The finish is good but not quite up to the standard []. The equipment used is standard and the majority of the machine tools are modern and of Czechoslovak manufacture. The machines are inspected to Schlesinger Limits and this inspection report goes out with the machines produced. 25X1
2. A visit was also paid to the TOS Hostivar National Enterprise factory at Hostivar. In the vicinity of Hostivar there are five plants, employing a total of approximately 3,000 workers, which produce machine tools. The plant visited produces vertical spindle grinders, universal grinders and BPH 300/1000 grinders. The method of production is first-class and the efficiency of the final product excellent, although the paint finish could be improved. The machine tools used in manufacture are reasonably modern, comprising two large planing machines [], two large horizontal borers, and a large [] slideway grinder. The factory equipment also includes a Studer gap gauge grinder. A machine for grinding the pins of very large diesel crankshafts is also being produced with a bed about 50 feet long. 25X1
3. It was not possible to find out what machines were being made in the other four plants, as security was very strict [] the engineers from Strojexport are not allowed in unless prior permission has been obtained. At the two plants visited, identity cards [] had to be produced and were held at the plant entrance and only given up on departure. 25X1
4. According to information obtained, two-thirds of the production goes for export []. 25X1

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5. During [] negotiations with Strojexport the following personalities were encountered:

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Eng. Miroslav Piroch	- Director
Homola (fnu)	Technical Engineer
Jana Simankova	Technical Engineer
Dr. Seidel (fmu)	Deals with trade agreements.

The following were away on holiday at the time:

Sacha (fnu)	General Director
Seifert (fmu)	Deputy Director
Mizera (fnu)	Deputy Director

6. The negotiations with the officials of Strojexport were carried out in a most friendly atmosphere, but the officials were unable to arrange visits to factories other than those included in the prearranged program. There were no bottlenecks in the factories visited, and the information given, although carefully cross-checked, appeared to be accurate.

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